

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

FUNIMATION ENTERTAINMENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

DOES 1 - 1,427,

Defendant.

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CIV. NO.: 2:11-CV-269

ORDER

On December 1, 2011, the Court held a Status Conference in the above-captioned case. Dkt. No. 12. At the Status Conference, the Court asked counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”) if they would be willing to serve as *ad litem*s for Defendants. *Id.* On December 7, 2011, counsel for EFF notified the Court that they would be willing to serve as *ad litem*s for Defendants. On December 8, 2011, the Court requested Plaintiff to inform the Court of its thoughts regarding whether or not *ad litem*s for Defendants are necessary; and if the Court appoints *ad litem*s, the scope of the *ad litem*s’ duties in that regard. Dkt. No. 14. Plaintiff did so on December 14, 2011, and counsels for EFF filed a response on December 15, 2011. Dkt. Nos. 16 and 17.

Having considered Plaintiff’s and counsels for EFF’s submissions, the Court hereby **APPOINTS** the following as *ad litem*s for Does 1 - 1,1427 for the limited purpose of responding to Plaintiff’s Motion for Expedited Discovery (Dkt. No. 2).

- 1) Matthew Zimmerman of Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, California;
- 2) Michael Findlay of Findlay Craft LLP in Tyler, Texas; and
- 3) Eric Findlay of Findlay Craft LLP in Tyler, Texas.

The Court further ORDERS that the *ad litem*s should submit a response to Plaintiff's Motion for Expedited Discovery by **Monday, January 30, 2012.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 20th day of January, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Folsom", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID FOLSOM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE